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Prices and Prospects.

SHARPLY STIFFEN DO THE PRICES OF CONTRACT COKE

Last Quarter Coke Held at
\$2.00 With No Anxiety
to Sell at That.

PIG IRON IS READY TO JUMP

Though the Market Conditions Seem to
be Most Peculiar with Reference
Especially to Lake Front Stocks,
General Upward Movement on Way.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
PITTSBURGH, July 14.—Coke operators have stiffened sharply in their attitude to contract coke in view of the increasingly favorable reports in the steel industry and indications that after its long lethargy the iron market is on the verge of an important advance. The first stiffening in furnace coke occurs by a shortening in the period of delivery possible at the market price as at \$1.75 only July and third quarter coke seems to be obtainable, and by no means all brands at that figure, while for the whole second half about \$2.00 would probably be required to obtain coke. There is not much inquiry at the moment, however, to test prices and the coke operators seem to be well satisfied with that phase of the situation, believing that as time passes they will have good ground for asking late contracts still higher prices.

The spot furnace coke market exhibits considerable strength in the after the Fourth of July flurry it has not receded to its former level. There is not a large amount of spot coke available, and even a very moderate demand would quickly result in a shortage. It is understood that the last of the Lackawanna stocks is going into blast and that coke for this furnace is to be bought. A Shenandoah Valley furnace is to blow in on Bessemer iron shortly, and a high grade of Connellsville furnace coke will have to be secured.

The coke market is quotable approximately as follows:
Spot furnace coke, \$1.60 to \$1.75
July and third quarter coke, \$1.75
Second half furnace coke, \$2.00
Prompt furnace coke, \$2.00 to \$2.25
Connellsville furnace coke, \$2.25 to \$2.50

The pig iron market has certainly come to life, but under rather peculiar circumstances. Furnaces in some districts have stiffened in their price views, while furnaces in other districts have let loose, and at the very time that Lake front furnaces, particularly in Cleveland, have sold iron for delivery in West Virginia and Central Ohio at lower prices than ever the Valley furnaces have advanced their quotations and pressed confidence that the course of the market will justify their action. It is understood that \$12.00, and possibly less, has been accepted for basic iron in two or three cases by Lake front furnaces. On the other hand, the Valley furnaces have marked up basic to \$12.00 at furnace, and Bessemer to \$14.00. It is understood that in certain cases these prices have been accepted for basic iron, and it is stated that some quarters the buying of basic and Bessemer iron by large steel making interests will soon advance the pig iron market sharply. On the other hand there may be more than one reason for the advance, and it is not clear whether the advance is due to the fact that the iron market is on the verge of a new advance, or whether the advance is due to the fact that the iron market is on the verge of a new advance.

Prices in the Pittsburgh market are usually the Valley prices plus the 95 cents freight, but at the present time there seems to be basic, metallic and foundry iron available for Pittsburgh delivery at less than the Valley equivalent.

ILLINOIS STEEL ACTIVITY.

Gary Plant to Begin Operations at Full Capacity.
The Gary plant of the Illinois Steel Company began operation at full capacity on Monday. Twelve thousand tons were given employment, until recently the pay roll has been only 6,000.

Eight blast furnaces, 42 open-hearth furnaces, 58 rolling mills, axle and other rolling mills resumed.

Gets New Position.
William Brown has been made head chemist for the Keystone Coal & Coke Co. at Greensburg. Mr. Brown has been chemist at the Scottville furnace. He will continue to reside in Connellsville.

To Double Plant Capacity.
Directors of the Kentucky Solvay Coke Company has authorized the doubling of the capacity of the company's plant near Huntington, W. Va.

INCREASING ACTIVITY IN COKE, PIG IRON AND STEEL

Indicates General Iron Trade Movement of Upset Importance and Makes Opening Very Significant.
Special to The Weekly Courier.
NEW YORK, July 14.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the iron and steel situation tomorrow as follows: The coke, pig iron and steel markets are all showing signs of increased activity in the month of July. In the coke market, the general iron trade is in the midst of a movement of the most important nature. The whole trade has become extremely active. Two months ago it was regarded as precarious to predict that the steel mills would be operating practically at capacity by August. The progress since then has been such that predictions are now made that there will be a runaway market in coke, pig iron and steel by that time.

The Eastern pig iron market shows a stiffening tendency. In the Central West pig iron displays the most curious cross-currents ever exhibited. Lake front furnaces are selling basic iron more vigorously than normal Valley territory than ever before, while at the very same time the Valley furnaces themselves are marking up their quotations, and in some instances securing the advanced prices. Sales have been made of about 10,000 tons of basic at \$14. Valley furnaces, and of 10,000 and 1,000 tons of Bessemer at \$14. Valley furnaces while basic iron has sold at \$12 and possibly less at Lake front furnaces. The Valley furnaces are quoted on about 50,000 tons of export Bessemer.

Open-hearth billets and sheet bars are very hard to buy at any price and the minimum of the market is up at least 50 cents a ton. Although there is available Bessemer export quotations on Bessemer billets and sheet bars are also higher.

The large mills are firm at 1.25 for basic, plates and shapes for third quarter and are quoting 1.40 for fourth quarter with increasing frequency. Blue annealed and black sheets are doing very well considering the extremely tight position of the market. The National Tube Company has booked 200 miles of 8-inch blue pipe, involving over 15,000 tons. In the tin plate market the export demand is a very important factor. New prices are being quoted established as yet, but the wire outlook is very favorable. Cotton ties are established at 85 cents a bundle, about 65 cents last season.

FURNACES SPEEDING UP

All Open Blast Plants of Steel Corporation Go On.
The United States Steel Corporation has ordered all of its open blast furnaces into commission. This means that the production of pig iron will be increased by 100,000 tons a week. The corporation has also ordered all of its open blast furnaces into commission. This means that the production of pig iron will be increased by 100,000 tons a week. The corporation has also ordered all of its open blast furnaces into commission. This means that the production of pig iron will be increased by 100,000 tons a week.

Some Lake Congestion.
Upbound Vessels Have to Wait for Outgoings.
For the first time this season are carriers at Lake Erie ports are waiting to get under the mounds. This is due to the congestion caused by the double bottom vessels. The double bottom vessels have been arriving fast lately. The surplus of tonnage at Lake Erie ports has made it impossible for the ships to get under the mounds. The double bottom vessels have been arriving fast lately. The surplus of tonnage at Lake Erie ports has made it impossible for the ships to get under the mounds.

Crucible Steel Company.
Orders for Tool Metal Placed With the Company Largely Domestic.
The increasing demand for tool steel is proving of particular benefit to the Crucible Steel Company of America, which for some months has been one of the chief producers of this steel ordered by the makers of tools for shrapnel manufacturers. The orders placed with the company for tool steel are almost wholly from domestic manufacturers of tools. Although it is understood that several of the latter are to send their tool orders abroad as a result of the demand for the Crucible tool steel, because of the high price of Swedish iron and the crowding shortage of that metal.

Temporary Run Begins, Due to Repairs at Elbert.
Gates, a coal shipping mine of the Monongahela River, started up today for a temporary run necessitated by lessening the output of Elbert, another coal shipping mine. Gates has been in idle for some time, but Elbert has been running for over a year. Repairs to the haulage system at the Elbert mine caused a partial shutting down.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.		WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 1915.				WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 1915.			
DISTRICT.	TONS.	IN.	OUT.	TOTAL.	TONS.	IN.	OUT.	TOTAL.	TONS.
Connellsville.	21,567.	11,871.	6,696.	187,000.	21,567.	11,871.	6,696.	187,000.	21,567.
Lower Connellsville.	17,128.	11,811.	5,617.	153,712.	17,128.	11,811.	5,617.	153,712.	17,128.
Totals.	38,695.	23,682.	12,313.	340,712.	38,695.	23,682.	12,313.	340,712.	38,695.

SHIPMENTS.		WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 1915.				WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 1915.			
TO PHILADELPHIA.	TONS.	IN.	OUT.	TOTAL.	TONS.	IN.	OUT.	TOTAL.	TONS.
Connellsville.	1,151.	2,511.	1,910.	30,590.	1,151.	2,511.	1,910.	30,590.	1,151.
Lower Connellsville.	11,871.	2,198.	1,978.	99,007.	11,871.	2,198.	1,978.	99,007.	11,871.
Totals.	13,022.	4,709.	3,888.	129,597.	13,022.	4,709.	3,888.	129,597.	13,022.

SPOTTING TARIFF IS SET ASIDE BY COMMERCE BOARD

Commission Holds That
"Line Rate" Covers Such
Service.

AFFECTS THE COKE OPERATORS

Order Permits Filing of Tariffs Covering More Than One Movement of Coal Another Tariff of Connellsville Is Reported by Federal Commission.

PLANNING PICNIC

Union Supply Company Employees Will Go to Lakewood August 1.

AMERICAN STEEL FOUNDRIES.

Company Shoring in Large Foundry Equipment.

ORDERS FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS.

International Harvester to Employ 1,500 Additional Men.

BAITMORE & OHIO PLANS.

Additional Shipping Facilities Will Be Provided for Industrial Plants.

ORDER FOR CAR AXLES.

Cambria Steel Company Ships Begin Double Turn.

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J. V. THOMPSON IS WORTH \$55,000,000 APPRAISERS DECLARE

They File Their Inventory
of Vast Estate With
The Court.

141,413 ACRES OF COAL LAND

Greene County Lands With Holdings Valued at \$22,647,000; Export Auditors 15 Weeks to Uncover and Will Complete Work in a Week.

COST OF COKE MAKING

W. F. Paul Presents Interesting Paper to West Virginia Mining Men.

STEELTON IS BUSY.

Pennsylvania Steel Company Mills on Double Shift.

CARNEGIE BUYS BILLET.

Will Ship to American Bridge Company.

WILL MAKE STEEL BILLET.

Minnesota Steel Company to Start 500 Men at Work.

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STEEL CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE.

Contract for 23,000 tons of steel required for a St. Louis bridge, has been awarded by the board of public service to the American Bridge Company.

Coal for Argentina.

The Ebbensburg Coal Company which has mines at Colver, has received an order for 100,000 tons of coal for the Argentine Republic.

Production and Output.

THE UPPER CONNELLVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

Not Much Affected by the Independent
Coke Day Lay Off as the Other
Coke Regions.

GLORIOUS FOURTH CUTS DOWN THE COKE MOVEMENT

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EXCLUSIVE SELLING AGENTS FOR

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TONS ANNUALLY

THE BEST BRANDS IN THE REGION.

Contracts Filled With Good Coke When the Market Is High as Well as When It Is Low.

Good Service Saves Demurrage and Annoyance. First Class Inspection.

LARGE TONNAGE OF

Low Phosphorus Coke

FURNACE COKE.

SMELTER, FOUNDRY, HEATING COKE AND COAL.

PRODUCERS COKE COMPANY,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,
UNIONTOWN, PA.

Mr. and Elizabeth Robinson, wife
near Outcrop died Monday after-
noon at her home following a linger-
ing illness. I funeral from the home
Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock
Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA

